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IRELAND.

Dublin, August 9.

We have an Account, that one Matthew Ryan, who was taken at Waterford and trans-

mitted to Kilkenny, charged with several Robberies committed in that County, was tried the 25th of last Month, at the Assizes there. When he was apprehended, he pretended to be a Lunatick,

and hid himself in the Gaol, threw away his keys, and could not be persuaded to put them on,

but went naked to the Court to take his Trial. When affected to be dumb, and would not plead;

which the Judges of Assize order'd a Jury to be sworn, to enquire and give their Opinion, whether he was wilfully dumb and lunatick, or by the

will of God; and in a short time return'd, and they brought in their Verdict, *Wilful and affected Dumb-*

and Lunacy: Upon this, the Judges again desired the Prisoner to plead, which by Signs he refused;

withstanding which, they, in their great Compassion, indulg'd him till the Monday following; but he

persisted in his Obstinacy, and then the Court order'd him to be prest to Death; and the Sentence accordingly executed on him the Wednesday following; but before he expired, he most earnestly en-

su'd to be hang'd; which was refused him. As Instances of this Nature very seldom happen, we

leave to give our Readers a brief Account of the Sentence pronounced in such Cases.

The Judgment of *peine fort et dure* is, as it is recited in P. C. lib. II. cap. 60. fol. 150. b. et 4 E. 4. 11. b.

That he be sent to the Prison from whence he came, and put into a dark, lower Room, and there

be laid naked upon the bare Ground upon his back, without any Clothes or Ruffles under him or

cover him, except his Privy Members, his Legs and Arms drawn and extended with Cords to the

four Corners of the Room, and upon his Body laid as near a Weight of Iron, as he can bear, and more.

And the first Day he shall have three Morfels of Barley Bread without Drink, the second Day he shall

have three Draughts of Water, of standing Water next the Door of the Prison, without Bread, and

his to be his Diet till he die. But before they proceed to this Extremity, it has been the Practice to

seavours to make the Prisoner plead by tying his hands together with Whipcords.

A Peer of the Realm, arraign'd upon an Indictment of Felony before his Peers, refuse to plead, [he shall have] this Judgment of *peine fort et dure*.

And a Woman shall have the same Judgment if she refuse to plead.

This Judgment is given for his Contempt in refusing a legal Trial, and therefore he thereby forfeits his

Writ, but it is no Attainder, nor gives any Echeat or Corruption of Blood.

The Severity of the Judgment is to bring Men to themselves upon their legal Trial, and that some- times it hath been given and executed, yet for the

part Men bethink themselves and plead. In the Reign of his late Majesty, at an Assizes at

Downpatrick before the Lord Chief Justice Whitchhead, a Man was prest to Death for refusing to plead.

We have had most dreadful Storms this Week, by which four Lighters were sunk, two Vessels drove on

North Bull, some Fishing-boats lost, and several others drown'd. 'Tis much to be fear'd we shall hear

more Losses from all Parts of the Kingdom. Last Sunday Night 13 Felons broke the Gaol of

Down, and would have made their Escape, had it not been for the Turnkey and the Gaoler's Son, who se-

Pool, Aug. 13. Wind S. S. W. a Fresh Gale. Sailed the Loyalty, Wallis, for Newcastle. Came in the Unity, Thompson, from Blyth; the Two Sisters, Nicholas, from London; and the Hopewell, Wife, from Newcastle.

Cowes, Aug. 13. Wind W. S. W. On the 11th put back the Robert and Alice, Goodman, from Rotterdam for Philadelphia with Palatine.

Deal, Aug. 14. Wind W. Remains his Majesty's Ship Scarborough, and the Outward-bound as in my last; with the London Merchant, Hill, for Ireland. Arrived the Charming Betty, Seward, from Monferat; and the St. Philip, Pinto Homen, from Oporto.

At Dover, the Phenix, Biggs, from Maryland. At Liverpool, the Duke of Argyle, Knowles, from Jamaica.

L O N D O N.

The Pretty Betsey, Philip Hall, from Antigua for Dublin, run ashore at Pendine in Carmarthenshire, laden with Sugar and Rum, the best part of which is

landed, and the Ship will be got off. Yesterday his Grace the Duke of Richmond came from his Seat at Goodwood in Sussex to his House at

Whitehall. Yesterday one Robinson was apprehended for stealing a Pair of Silver Spurs and a Whip out of the Dwelling-house of Mrs. Hope, in Green street, Grosvenors-square; and being carried before Sir Edward Hill, he own'd the Fact, and several other Robberies, and impeach'd two of his Gang.

The same Day Thomas Cole, Esq; going to Kingston, was attack'd on Putney-heath by two Highwaymen, who robb'd him of a Gold Watch, 4 Guineas, some Silver and his Sword, with which they made off towards Wimbledon, where they robb'd two Gentlemen in a Coach and Four.

Last Saturday died at Whitby in Yorkshire Sir John Wake, Kt.

On Thursday last his Majesty's Ship the Rose, a Sixth Rate of 20 Guns, was launch'd at Mr. Bird's Dock at Rotherhithe.

Yesterday the Hon. Temple, Esq; Son of the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Palmerston, and Son-in-Law to Sir John Barnard, lay so dangerously ill that his Life was despair'd of.

The same Day the Right Hon. the Lord North and Guildford came from the Bath to his House in Grosvenor-square.

Yesterday the Gentlemen belonging to the Vestry of St. Margaret's Westminster, met at the Vestry-Room, and unanimously made Choice of Mr. John Atkinson, an eminent Scrivener in St. Margaret's Church-yard, Son of Mr. Atkinson, Lionendrasper in the Broad-Way, Westminster, to be their Clerk, in the Room of Mr. Henry Hart, lately deceased, a Place worth 100 l. per Annum.

Last Night the Corpse of Mr. Willis, Chief Clerk under Kingsmill Eyre, Esq; Head Secretary to Chelsea-College, was interr'd in great Funeral Pomp and Solemnity, in the Burying ground belonging to the said College.

Mr. John Rush, one of the Clerks of the said College, is appointed to succeed him: A Place worth 200 l. per Annum.

Yesterday Sir Walter Wagstaff Baggot, Knight of the Shire for the County of Stafford, came to Town to his House in George street, Hanover-square.

The same Day the Right Hon. the Earl of Godolphin came to Town, from his Seat at Gogmagog-hills near New-market, to his House in the Stable-yard, St. James's.

On Wednesday last died in an advanc'd Age, at his House in Brook street, Grosvenor-square, Archibald Hutchinson, Esq; formerly Member of Parliament for Hastings in Sussex; said to have died immensely rich.

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| High Water this Day | Morning | Evening |
| at London Bridge. | 04 48 | 05 04 |

Bank Stock 143 1-half. India 161. South Sea 100 3-4ths. Old Annuity 112 1-half. New ditto 110 1-half. Three per Cent. 101 1-8th. Seven per Cent. Loan 109 5-8ths. Five per Cent. ditto 91 3-4ths. Royal Assurance 92 3-4ths. London Assu-

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Admiralty Office, August 1, 1740.

HIS Majesty having been graciously pleas'd, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to establish certain Rules and Orders for the better Government of the Charity for the Relief of poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice to all such Widows whose Husbands died on or since the 30th of August 1732, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodg'd with the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Clerks of the Cheque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale; where they may be inform'd of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above mentioned, may apply by Letter to Thomas Corbett, Esq; at the Admiralty Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Widows of such Sea Officers who died before the 30th of August 1732, and whose Circumstances come within the Rules of the Establishment, their Share of the Bounty granted by Parliament; these are to give Notice of the same to all such Widows, that they may procure the proper Certificates and Affidavits, and send or bring them hither. And the Court of Assistants do hereby give Notice, that they will meet at this Office on Tuesday the 16th of September next, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning, to receive the Claims of such Widows as shall be qualified according to the said Rules and Orders.

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